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MEMO TO: Chief District Engineers
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FROM: Dexter Newman, P.E., Director
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SUBJECT: Contractor Supplied Waste Areas

In recent years the regulatory climate in regarding the disposal of excess excavation from our projects has changed. In today's world, merely avoiding blue line streams is not sufficient. The Department is changing directions in regard to waste disposal sites, and has had several meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers in regards to this motion. On future projects, the Department will reduce the amount of excess excavating through alignment and template changes. We will also permit likely disposal sites as part of the main project permit.

However, we are entering a transition phase now. There will be some projects left that will still require the contractor to supply the disposal site. On these projects, the standard specifications require the Department to approve of locations of the disposal site.

As part of the approval process, please require some documentation from the appropriate regulatory agency, most likely the Corps, either approving the disposal site or disclaiming any authority over it. No material should be placed prior to this documentation. On these projects, it is the contractor's responsibility to obtain this documentation and satisfy any Corps requirement.

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